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E.O.11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, EK
SUBJECT: OPTICAL SATELLITE TRACKING DEVICE ALLEGEDLY SEEN IN EQUAT-
ORIAL GUINEA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SUBDIRECTOR FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA AND CON-
TINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 4 THAT FRENCH OFFICIAL
S
HAD SHOWN SPANISH OFFICIALS IN PARIS A PHOTOGRAPH (NOT OTHER
WISE SOURCED OR DESCRIBED) OF WHAT WAS CALLED AN OPTICAL TRACKING DEV
ICE
FOR SATELLITES. REPORTEDLY, THE DEVICE WAS LOCATED ON THE ROOF
OF A HOUSE SOMEWHERE IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA, BUT THE FRENCH, SAID
CASSINELLO, DID NOT KNOW EVEN IF THE BUILDING WAS ON THE ISLAND
OR ON THE MAINLAND.

2. CASSINELLO, WHO EXPRESSED SOME NERIOUSNESS ABOUT DISCUSSING THE
SUBJECT AND WHOM WE ASK TO BE PROTECED, REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION
EMBOFF COULD OBTAIN ON THE MATTER. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE COULD
PROVIDE EMBOFF A COPY OF THE PHOTO (IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM THE CON-
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VERSATION THAT THE FRENCH SHOWED THE SPANISH THE PHOTO, BUT DID
NOT GIVE THEM A COPY.) WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER INFORMATION
WE COULD APPROPRIATELY PROVIDE THE GOS ON THIS MATTER. CASSINELLO
SAID HE WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN ANOTHER MISSION TO
EG DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17. STABLER

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